

State	
Mizoram	14
Nagaland	29
Orissa	389
Punjab	1058
Rajasthan	1048
Sikkim	13
Tamil Nadu	1591
Tripura	33
Uttar Pradesh	2426
West Bengal	1120
Delhi	329
Union Territory	
Andaman and Nicobar	5
Chandigarh	39
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	4
Daman and Diu	4
Lakshadweep	0
Pondicherry	34
TOTAL	17739

Extension to the Chairman of HPC

77. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have granted unprecedented extension to the Chairman of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation;

(b) if so, what are the terms of this extension;

(c) whether Government have the power to review such an extension;

(d) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Petroleum Corporation has suffered huge losses due to fire, etc. in its refineries in Andhra Pradesh;

(e) if so, the criteria adopted to judge executives for extension; and

(f) the details of the imperatives cited for granting such extensions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (f) Shri H. L. Zutshi was appointed as Chairman and Managing Director (C and MD), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., with effect from 22.06.1995 for a period of five years or till the date of his superannuation, whichever is earlier. Accordingly the five year tenure of his appointment expired on 21.06.2000. However, his date of superannuation being 31.05.2002 he is eligible for extension of tenure beyond 21.06.2000 upto the date of his superannuation. Such extension of tenure is given after a review of his performance. Pending completion of the formalities of performance review, Shri Zutshi has been given *ad hoc* extension by three months beyond 21.6.2000.

The loss suffered by Visakh Refinery of the Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd., on account of damage to property was Rs. 49.29 crores as per the amount written off from book of accounts. Insurance claims were lodged based on the reinstatement cost to the tune of Rs. 115 crores. Out of which, on-account, an amount of Rs. 77 crores has been received. In addition, the Corporation has received a sum of Rs. 138.35 crores towards its loss of profits against an insurance claim of Rs. 138.35 crores.

News-item "Panel Expresses Concern at ONGC Affairs"

78. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Panel expresses concern at ONGC affairs" which appeared in the 'Observer', dated Ninth June, 2000; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto with regard to issues raised by ASTO?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) When the Resolution of the Association of Scientific and Technical Officers (ASTO) was brought to the notice of the Government, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) was requested to look into the issues raised by President ASTO, which had also been reported in the news item which appeared in the "Observer" of 9.6.2000. The matter has since been discussed by CMD and his senior colleagues